

Labour Department.

19. *Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have arrived at a decision to constitute a Labour Department in the State; and

(b) if so, when it will be constituted?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: (a) & (b) The Director of Industries has been appointed as Labour Commissioner. Government do not think it necessary to appoint a full time Labour Commissioner at present.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Weaving Schools.

8. **Mr. James Fletcher** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod cum Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of weaving schools conducted in the Trivandrum Division;

(b) the number of such schools which are recognised by the Government and those which are receiving Government grants;

(c) whether there are any weaving schools conducted directly by the Government outside the Trivandrum town;

(d) whether the weaving schools help a large number of young men and women to learn a trade which helps them to earn their living; and

(e) whether the Government provide increased grant for such institutions every year so as to help more institutions to function?

Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Director of Industries*): (a) 65.

(b) Recognised—49 and aided—42.

(c) Yes, there is one at Nagercoil.

(d) They are expected to do so.

(e) No.

Rules under Section 24 of Act II of 1116.

9. **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state (a) whether it has come to their notice that applications under Section 9 of Act II of 1116 are kept pending for want of rules contemplated under Section 24 of that Act; and

(b) whether rules as contemplated by Section 24 of Act II of 1116 have been framed and published by the Government?

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): (a) No.